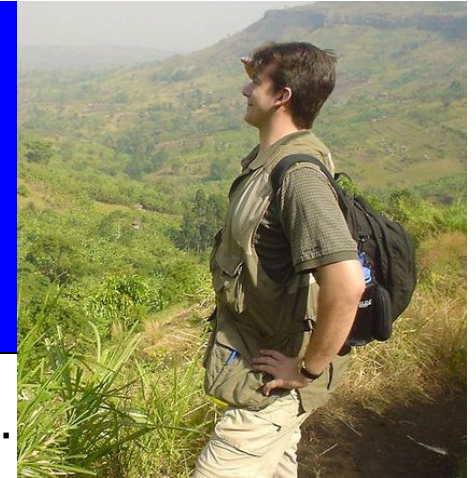# "Saving the World with a Computer Science Degree"

<u>4 steps</u> to using your computing skills to make a difference.

Method One:
1. Exploit IBM's stupidity to get your 8-bit operating system running on the majority of the world's PCs.
2. Aggressively defend your monopoly and bury your competitors.
3. Earn $42 billion.
4. Give $40 billion to charity to ease your conscience.

Method Two:
1. Listen to Portman Wills talk about his work in Peru, Rwanda, and Asia.
2. Learn about organizations using technology to fight poverty, disease, and inequality.
3. Volunteer, intern, or work for one of these organizations.
4. Feel good about yourself.

There are hundreds of organizations using technology to fight poverty, disease, and inequality. They all need your help.

Some examples:

DDD taught keyboarding to unemployed Cambodians, and then hired them to do data entry.
CITI helped hundreds of charities and not-for-profits use technology effectively.
Benetech built software to help victims of human rights abuses securely file reports.
Aurolab invented low-cost, high-quality artificial lenses for cataracts patients in India.
CDI provided technology opportunities to residents of Brazilian *favelas.*

Speaker Portman Wills:

After graduating from U.Va. in 2002, Portman Wills ditched a career at Microsoft to volunteer with a World Bank project in Uganda. Since then, he has become obsessed with using technology to combat the world's social problems. He has lived and worked in South America, Africa, and Asia.

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